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SUBJECT: REPORTED VIEWS OF FINMIN RABINOWITZ

1. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY USUALLY WELL INFORMED ISRAELI SOURCE THAT FINMIN RABINOWITZ, IN RECENT MEETING WITH SMALL GROUP OF ASSOCIATES, EXPRESSED HIS VERY DEEP CONCERN ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF CURRENT US/ISRAELI RIFT AND REPORTS OF SHORTFALLS IN US AID. RABINOWITZ REPORTEDLY BELIEVED THAT ISRAEL'S FINANCIAL SITUATION WOULD BECOME VERY DIFFICULTY BY MID-1976 UNLESS GOI RECEIVED MAJOR PART OF REQUESTED US FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

2. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, RABINOWITZ EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN TO RABIN, BUT LATTER APPARENTLY DID NOT SHARE HIS VIEW THAT IMPLICATIONS OF ECONOMIC SITUATION REQUIRED ANY CHANGE IN GOI STANCE VIS-A-VIS USG OVER NEGOTIATING ISSUES.

3. WE HAD BEEN INFORMED EARLIER BY MODERATE ISRAELI EDITOR CLOSE TO RABINOWITZ THAT HE WAS "VERY UPSET" ON EVE OF BREAKDOWN OF NEGOTIATIONS, ON GROUNDS THAT RIFT WITH US WOULD FOLLOW AND THAT THIS WOULD RESULT IN GREATER DIFFICULTY IN RECEIVING DOLS 2.5 BILLION REQUESTED TO COVER FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEFICIT NEXT YEAR.

4. COMMENT: AS MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING ISRAEL'S
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BILLS, WE WOULD EXPECT RABINOWITZ TO BE MORE SENSITIVE THAN

OTHER MINISTERS TO THESE CONSIDERATIONS, ALTHOUGH
HIS CHIEF ASSISTANTS AT FINMIN ARE TAKING MUCH MORE
RELAXED POSITION POINTING OUT THAT (1) US AID ALREADY
APPROVED WILL CARRY ISRAEL THROUGH ITS FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1975, AND (2) SHORTFALL IN US AID
FOR FOLLOWING YEAR COULD, IF NECESSARY, BE MET BY STRETCH
OUT IN MILITARY IMPORTS (3/4 OF AID REQUEST) AND POSSIBLY
SOME CUT IN STANDARD OF LIVING. WE HAVE SEEN NO SIGNS SO
FAR THAT RABINOWITZ' CONCERNS, WHETHER OR NOT SHARED BY
OTHER MINISTERS, ARE LIKELY TO INDUCE GOI TO MODIFY
NEGOTIATING POSITION.
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